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Chief Executive Officer

September 1, 2009

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

31 SEPTEMBER 1, 2009

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Dear Supervisors:

**DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION:
APPROVE THE ALLOCATION OF SECOND SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT
SPECIFIED EXCESS FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND
RECREATION AND ADOPT A RESOLUTION ASSIGNING THE COUNTY'S RIGHT
TO APPLY FOR SPECIFIED EXCESS FUNDS UNDER THE SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD
PARKS PROPOSITION OF 1996
(SECOND DISTRICT) (3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

The recommended actions will allocate \$864,180 in Specified Excess Funds to the Department of Parks and Recreation, and adopt a resolution assigning to the Baldwin Hills Regional Conservation Authority the County's right to apply for these funds.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Find that these actions are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) according to Section 15303 (e), 15311, and 15325 (f) of the State CEQA Guidelines because the action provides for transfer of ownership of land to create parks, preserve open space, preserve existing natural conditions, and the development of appurtenant facilities.
2. Approve the allocation of Second Supervisorial District Specified Excess Funds in the amount of \$864,180 to the Department of Parks and Recreation.

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3. Adopt the resolution assigning to the Baldwin Hills Regional Conservation Authority the County's right to apply for \$864,180 of Second Supervisorial District Specified Excess Funds allocated to the Department of Parks and Recreation under the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996 for the acquisition of land and for development of related appurtenant facilities and public access in Baldwin Hills.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

Approval of the recommended actions will allow the Baldwin Hills Regional Conservation Authority (Authority) to apply for \$864,180 of Second Supervisorial District Specified Excess Funds from the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District (District) for acquisition of lands for park, wildlife, natural and open space purposes and for development of appurtenant recreation facilities and public access in Baldwin Hills.

On April 27, 1999, your Board approved the formation of the Authority and assigned to the Authority the right to apply to the District for funds allocated to the Department of Parks and Recreation (Department) under Section 3(b)(2) of the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996. Specified Excess funds are allocated to regional open space and recreation projects of the highest priority as defined in Section 24 (c) of the 1996 Proposition, including Baldwin Hills.

In a related action on today's agenda, the District is requesting that your Board allocate \$864,180 in Second Supervisorial District Specified Excess Funds to the Department, and award a grant and advance the funds to the Authority when applicable conditions have been met.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended actions support Countywide Strategic Plan Goals of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1), Children, Family and Adult Well-Being (Goal 2), and Community and Municipal Services (Goal 3) by investing in public infrastructure that will enhance recreational opportunities in the Baldwin Hills area of the Second District.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Sufficient appropriation in the amount of \$864,180 is budgeted in the Second Supervisorial District portion of the District's Excess Funds Project Fund (HD6).

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The 1996 Proposition provides a method of determining each fiscal year the amount of funds available in the following fiscal year to fund capital improvement projects (Excess Funds) in addition to the amounts specifically identified for projects in the Safe Neighborhood Parks Propositions of 1992 and 1996. The recommended grant will be funded from the Excess Funds available to the Second Supervisorial District from the Specified Excess Funds.

County Counsel has approved the attached resolution as to form.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

This action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) according to Section 15303 (e), 15311, and 15325 (f) of the State CEQA Guidelines and Classes 3 (b), 11 and 25 of the Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987, because the action provides for transfer of ownership of land to create parks, preserve open space, preserve existing natural conditions, and the development of appurtenant facilities. Further, the Authority will be required to comply with District procedures requiring grantee agencies to comply with the applicable CEQA review for any projects funded by the District.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The recommended actions will not have a negative impact on any other services or any current or planned projects; it will allow for the acquisition and development of additional open space and recreational opportunities within the Baldwin Hills.

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CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to the Chief Executive Office, Capital Projects Division, and to the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'WTF', followed by a horizontal line and a stylized flourish.

WILLIAM T FUJIOKA
Chief Executive Officer

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Attachment

c: County Counsel
Department of Parks and Recreation

**COUNTY ASSIGNMENT OF RIGHT TO APPLY FOR FUNDS
FOR BALDWIN HILLS PURSUANT TO SECTION 24, SUBSECTIONS b and c
OF THE SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS PROPOSITION OF 1996**

WHEREAS, the County, under Section 24, Subsections b and c of the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996 is the designated recipient of excess funds allocated to the highest priority regional open space and recreation projects in Baldwin Hills; and

WHEREAS, the Baldwin Hills Regional Conservation Authority (Authority), a Joint Powers Authority, was established in 1999 by the County and the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for the purpose of providing a comprehensive program to acquire, expand and improve open space, natural habitat, and recreational opportunities within the Baldwin Hills and other natural and recreational areas within the Second Supervisorial District; and

WHEREAS, the County has determined that it is in the County's interest to assign the County's right to apply for those funds to the Authority, for the acquisition of land and for development of related appurtenant facilities and public access in Baldwin Hills; and

WHEREAS, the Authority will submit an application to the Regional Park and Open Space District to obtain a grant for the above-referenced project:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors hereby:

Assigns to the Authority the County's right to apply for \$864,180 of Specified Excess Funds for implementation of the Project.

The foregoing resolution was adopted on the 1st day of September, 2009, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and ex officio the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts, Agencies, and authorities for which said Board so acts.

SACHI A. HAMAI, Executive Officer-
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles

By *La Chelle Smitherman*
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